

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

Saturday 2nd July

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers outside the Co-op 10 - 12.

Sunday 3rd July

**Rush4Health** – A free outdoor community festival dedicated to promoting health and well-being to be held at Rushcliffe Country Park. Activities, stands, exhibitions, etc.

**Tea, coffee and cakes** from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room at Rushcliffe Country Park. In aid of FoRCP.

**Footpath Walk** - Gotham to West Leake Hills and return. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

Thursday 7th July

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers - St. Peter's School, 8.30- 9am  
**Summer Fair** – At St. Peter's Junior School 3.30 to 6pm. Rock 'n' Roll Theme with live music and lots of entertainment. Adults 50p, children free. See posters for more details.

Friday 8th July

**Western Front Association presents**

“Insights into the manufacture of explosives & shell filling in the Great War” by Dr. Barry Maule, St. Peter's Rooms 7.30pm.

Saturday 9th July

**Parish Council Surgery** – Meet your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 at St. Peter's Rooms.

Tuesday 12th July

**Amenities Committee Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th July

“**Plant Histories**” by Andrew Sankey at Ruddington WI at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

**Ruddington Wakes** – Cox's Amusements on Sellors Playing Fields from today to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – see posters for details.

Thursday 14th July

“**Reminiscences of Horspools**” by Colleen Bell presented at the Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms 2pm. Visitors welcome.

Friday 15th July

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers at James Peacock School, Manor Park, from 3.30pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 16th July

**BMX/4X Coaching Course** – A free, 8 week course starting today from 12 noon to 3 pm at Rushcliffe Country Park. Contact the Ranger's Office – 0115 921 5865.

Sunday 17th July

**Rumblin' Day Out** – Cycle ride for the regular rider with some off-road experience. Duration 5 hrs. Meet outside Ruddington Dental Practice, Wilford Road to leave at 10.45am prompt. 07824 508535 for details.

**Treasure Trail & BBQ** - St Peter's Junior School at 2pm. £5 for a family ticket and cash prize for the winning team. BBQ, Licenced bar, Music and Games from 4pm onwards.

Tuesday 19th July

**Ladies Indulgence Evening** – St. Peter's Junior School are holding a “Bling and Buy” (those too good to throw items of clothing /shoes/handbags/jewellery, etc.). Tickets £5 - 7pm to 9.30pm. For info or to book a stall ring 07970 801709 or 07850 856238.

**Environment & Community Committee Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms, 7.30p

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Mystery Photo: Sign on the gatepost at 35 Kirk Lane.

# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## A NEW LOOK – TO BARCLAY & COOK!



Following the recent opening of the new Sainsbury's Local and a makeover at the Co-op there's now a brand new bright yellow frontage at Barclay & Cook (pictured).

Not only does it bring their livery into line with other Premier outlets but emphasises the fact that it's “business as usual” at the friendly High Street convenience store.

“It's a way of letting the village know we're still here,” says owner David Cook “and we're not planning to disappear! I think people have twigged that we're actually cheaper for many of the day to day items than either of the supermarkets - and that you get one to one service. There's also been a slight redesign to our interior layout to make your visit as quick and easy as possible. But you don't have to walk down miles of aisles to find what you're looking for!” Also hoping to earn their stripes are ‘Spotted Zebra’! The new clothing store at 9 Church Street was

originally launched as an internet only shop on eBay “but this is the next stage” says Kerri Russell, who owns and runs the business with sister Lisa Button. They opened in Ruddington at the start of June and promise “*the latest fashions at fantastic prices.* We're much cheaper than the city for our men's and women's designer clothes and accessories so please come in and have a look!”

*(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

## PUPILS FACE LOSING FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Children living in Ruddington and attending Rushcliffe School in West Bridgford may have their free school transport withdrawn due to funding cuts at Notts County Council. The current bus route is one of 49 routes being reviewed, which could affect up to 500 pupils from September.

Although withdrawing these routes would save the Council around £60,000 a year, the move would go against the Conservatives' 2009 pledge to provide free school transport in the county. And Graham Marson, Chair of Governors at Rushcliffe School, has also pointed out the unfairness of children living on other bus routes in Rushcliffe still receiving free transport, whilst those living in Ruddington would have to

pay. The changes are still under discussion, but we'll keep you posted as things develop. *(Faye Stenson)*  
**\*Footnote:** We have been advised that the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has been asked directly to intervene on this matter.



**BEING CREATIVE**  
**at**  
**James Peacock School**

The Nursery staff at James Peacock are an imaginative team who provide a stimulating environment within the Nursery. Just to prove it, their ideas of how to use a large roll of corrugated cardboard have resulted in an article in a national publication. "Nursery World" is a publication read by numerous Early Years Practitioners and their castle idea complete with drawbridge, turrets and dragon was showcased in a recent issue for all to see and possibly copy. Is there no end to their creativity?



*(By Barbara Breakwell)*

**SHRIMPTON COURT CREAM TEA**  
 On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Shrimpton Court residents gathered in their Community Room for a sumptuous



afternoon Cream Tea provided and organised for them by Mary Walker and Violet Hudson. The afternoon was a great success, made even more gratifying by a collection in aid of the Rainbows Hospice, which raised £50.



Becky Howie recently had an article printed about her in a local newspaper – we asked her to do one for the Parish Newsletter.

*Becky is pictured with a young dance pupil*  
 A young person with arthritis or a young person who likes helping their community - I'm not sure which is seen as the less likely to happen in today's society. However, I know from experience that neither is as rare as people are led to believe. I've been living with arthritis for as long as I can remember, for some people this is difficult as they think arthritis doesn't affect young people. It affects people of all ages and in some respects it's harder for younger people as they don't just have to deal with the pain but also a lack of understanding.

our streets and in our car parks whilst they travel to and from the city by bus. This means that people coming into the village to shop or use our other facilities can struggle to find a decent parking place – and this is bad news for local businesses. Perhaps a two hour parking restriction could be introduced for visitors to the village, and permits issued to residents so they don't have to pay. Or maybe an additional Park & Ride service is the answer, perhaps based at Rushcliffe Country Park. Better transport links from surrounding villages would also help, so people living there feel less need to use ours. Whatever the end solution, with our infrastructure already facing overload, something needs to be done to encourage these 'park and riders' to use more appropriate facilities.  
*(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)*

**MAKING YOUR RECORDS COUNT**



Many people take an interest in the wildlife they see around them, but did you know that making a quick note of what you see can make a useful contribution to our understanding of the distribution of the wildlife of Nottinghamshire? Records from your local patch are of value and not just to identify the unusual, but to confirm that the usual suspects are still present. If you visit a particular green

lane, park or reserve, why not record what you see – you can even make a game of it with your children. Of particular importance are any records of creatures like grass snakes, hedgehogs (or indeed any wild mammals), frogs and newts, etc. For more information about what to record and how to report your findings, go to [www.southnottswildlife.org.uk](http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk)

**GARDEN COMPETITIONS**

Annual Garden Competition: Entries for this competition must be in by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. You can enter either your front garden or your hanging baskets / planters / window boxes. If you know of a garden that should be entered, just collect an entry form and pop it through their letter box – it might just persuade them to enter.



Photographic Competition: This competition does not close until the end of August and entries can be sent in at any time before then. The photograph can be of the whole or just part of your back or front garden but **not** an individual flower, plant or specimen. Both competitions have prizes to be won and entry forms are available at the Parish Council office or on the Parish Council website.

## CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOURS

Now that the summer is here and people can sit outside and enjoy their garden, can we reiterate that anyone playing loud music (often used for exercising) please make sure their windows are closed, as this tends to reverberate all around and does not just affect the next door neighbours.

*(Mrs F Bakewell)*

## SNAPSHOT OF RUDDINGTON FROM 1870'S VISION OF BRITAIN.

In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England & Wales described Ruddington like this:-  
**RUDDINGTON**, a parish, with a village, in Basford district, Notts; 3½ miles S E of Beeston r. station, and 4¼ S of Nottingham. It has a post-office under Nottingham. Acres, 2, 190. Real property, £7, 791. Pop. in 1851, 2, 181; in 1861, 2, 283. Houses, 498. The property is much subdivided. The manor belongs to Sir T. G. A. Parkyns. The Grange is the seat of Paget, Esq. A college was founded here, in the time of Henry VI., by W. Babington. Stocking-weaving is carried on. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Lincoln. Value, £135.\* Patrons, Simeon's Trustees. The church is good. A Norman church, with many old monuments, stood at Flawford, and was taken down in 1773. There are chapels for Baptists, Wesleyans, and Primitive Methodists, an endowed school with £86 a year, a national school, and charities £20.

*(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)*



### MYSTERY PHOTO –

how well do you know your village? See page 8 for the answer.

*Supplied by Graham Wriaht.*

## LUDDITES ANNIVERSARY

Archive film footage from the Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum has been used as a backdrop to an oratorio celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Luddites uprising. Entitled 'Tis Death to Break a Frame, The Story of a Stockinger', the work, aimed at primary school groups, was performed at Derby Assembly Rooms on 21 June by 180 young people from Derby and Bolsover.

The Luddites were a social movement of British textile artisans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century who protested, often by destroying mechanised looms, against the changes produced by the Industrial Revolution, which they felt were leaving them without work and changing their way of life. The movement began in Nottingham in 1811 and spread rapidly throughout England in 1811 and 1812.

*(Written & researched by Faye Stenson)*

## NOTICE FROM JAMES PEACOCK INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

"I am pleased to report that all eligible in catchment pupils who applied for either nursery and/or mainschool at our school have been offered places for September. Therefore all new admissions will be taking up their places at the start of the Autumn Term."

*(Richard Waldron, Head Teacher)*

## DO WE NEED PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE VILLAGE?

One issue that's raised regularly with both the Parish and Borough Councils is the way our village is used as a free park and ride service on weekdays. Residents have reported that people from nearby villages are coming to Ruddington and leaving their cars on

Dancing is a passion of mine. I've been learning Latin American and Ballroom at Claire Hall's School of Dance for over 12 years and I love it as much as when I first started. I now help teach the younger girls and am working towards my teaching qualification. I'm also involved in guiding. Girlguides have given me so much. I started as a rainbow and now I'm a ranger. In addition to Rangers, I help at Brownies as a young leader meaning I get the enjoyment of helping one of the many Brownie packs in Ruddington. Through Girlguides, I've been lucky enough to represent Nottinghamshire in a trip abroad and help at international events meeting new people from all over the world.

Over the last 5 years, I've volunteered as a member of Rushcliffe Youth Assembly and County Youth Assembly which has allowed me the opportunity get involved with the Young People's Board for Nottinghamshire meaning that for issues involving young people I am able to get my voice heard. The funny thing is, all these things that I do for fun have earned me a nomination in the Nottinghamshire 4UTH Awards.

*(Written by Becky Howie)*

## Ruddington Fun

As the school holidays approach there are lots of activities planned in the village. "Ruddington Fun" is a group of 8 local residents who through the support and generosity of various organisations have produced a diary of activities. The diary will be distributed before the holidays start or

you can get more info by emailing [ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com)

## COLTS 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June saw the Community Day celebrations start with a 6-a-side Football Competition in the morning. In the afternoon the current teams proudly paraded around the Jubilee Field led by the Ruddington Army Corps of Bugles and Drums and the new Trophy Cabinet in the Clubhouse was then officially opened by the youngest club player watched by players past and present. Various entertainments rounded off a true celebration of the village organisation and even the weather supported them!

*(Barbara Breakwell)*

## EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT TRAIL



*(Mosaic is back to front ready for laying)*

Did you know that a 6 mile trail takes in the whole perimeter of our local airport? The trail has woodland, parklands and meadows for all to

enjoy. The latest addition is the "Art on the Trail" section and members of our Wednesday Coffee Morning group have been working with artists to produce individual mosaics. Over 2 sessions in St Peter's Rooms they have created their contributions and they are due to be officially opened on site this month. Why not take a look at some time? *(Barbara Breakwell)*

### **RUDDINGTON CADETS TO PERFORM AT MENIN GATE**

30 cadets from the Ruddington Army Cadet Force will have the honour of performing the Last Post at the Menin Gate war memorial in Belgium on 1 July. The Last Post has been played under the memorial's arch every evening since 1928, except during the Germans' occupation in World War II, to commemorate those who fell at Ypres during the Great War. The cadets, who are aged between 13 and 15, have been practising hard with the help of two retired majors from the Robin Hood Rifles. You can watch a video of the cadets performing on the BBC News Nottingham website. *(Faye Stenson)*

### **HOLIDAYS? CAN WE HELP?**

It's that time of year when many people are looking forward to their summer holiday. Medication to prevent malaria is required for many destinations. The type needed depends on the area to be visited, length of stay, your medical history and your preferences. Some can be bought over the counter but others require a prescription. Traditionally this meant seeing your Doctor. There are now several options for obtaining a prescription and Manor Pharmacy is able to provide prescriptions for

anti-malaria tablets, written by an Independent Prescriber Pharmacist. Your pharmacist or healthcare professional will be able to discuss the options with you. As antimalarial medicines are not one hundred percent effective, insect repellent should be used and the arms and legs should be covered after dusk. In addition to anti-malaria tablets, travel vaccines may also be required and advice on this should be taken at least eight weeks before travel.

*(Emma Anderson)*

### **POLICING**

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "Holidays are here again – to help prevent coming back to a burgled house, please take the following precautions:

- \* Inform your neighbours that you are away and ask them to keep an eye on your property.
- \* If possible have timers for lights and a radio.
- \* Ask neighbours if they would be prepared to come in and close curtains in the evenings, then open them again each morning.
- \* You could try leaving a few dirty pots in the kitchen or on view from the window to make it look occupied.
- \* Ask neighbours if they would remove mail from the doorstep or make sure the mail is pushed through the letterbox.
- \* Remember to cancel newspapers and milk deliveries.
- \* Make sure all sheds, garages, etc. are well secured.

Try and make it look like you're not away on holiday!"

Police contact numbers are:

0300 300 9999 (non emergency)

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill – tel: 07702 141 724

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy – tel: 07702 141 722

**IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999**

**Dear Resident,** *(June 2011)*

Could I draw your attention to an area of concern that has been raised with the Parish Council.

As a village, we have very good bus services that are valued by a large proportion of our residents, many of whom are elderly or do not have access to private transport. These buses circulate around the village along a variety of side and narrow roads, drives, streets, etc.

Unfortunately, it appears that on some occasions buses are being prevented from continuing along their route due to inappropriate parking which makes the road too narrow for a bus to get through. This leads to frustration for the driver and passengers alike and also for the road user who has to be persuaded to move his/her vehicle. More importantly – if a bus is unable to proceed, what would happen should an emergency vehicle need to use that route? The consequences could be catastrophic!

If you reside or work on a bus route within the village and need to park your vehicle on the road, please give due consideration to the way you park and where you park, for the sake of everyone.

Thanking you for your time.

Councillor Mrs. Barbara Breakwell

### **DEPUTY PM WAS A RESIDENT!**

Continuing the theme on famous people connected with Ruddington it is worth remembering that Nick Clegg used to live here.

The Deputy Prime Minister reminded us of this fact when he spoke to an invited audience at Boots during his Nottingham visit. As well as tackling subjects ranging from the controversial Workplace Parking Levy to The Big Society he also said he

was disappointed the government had had to postpone the widening of the A453 between Clifton and the M1. He told one questioner "I used to live in Ruddington so I know how you feel.



We hope to sort it out one day." Indeed, the Liberal-Democrat politician used to reside at a property on The Green. This was Mr. Clegg's constituency house during the period between 1999 and 2004 when he was serving as a relatively unknown MEP for the East Midlands. At this time he also ran the party office at 17-21 High Street.

He was sold the terraced property by Ruddington painter & decorator Adrian Hare. Adrian recalls "Nick Clegg was a nice chap – very polite and affable. I knew he was into politics but not much more at the time. I'd only put the house on the market the night before and he came, on his own, to look around it the very next morning. He told me that he really liked what I'd done with it – and by that lunchtime he'd bought it!" *(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

### **THE GREEN**

Re-instatement of The Green will start during week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> July and will be overseen by the Parish Council's Head Groundsman and a representative of the Medical Centre project.